

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: September 23, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 2212 (Mr. Howard Coble of North Carolina)

**Proponent name, location:** Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.  
Greensboro, NC

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Renewal of temporary duty suspension through 12/31/2008.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

**Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):**

The subject chemical (see below) is classified in HTS subheading 2918.90.50 and is eligible for a temporary duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.29.93.

**Check one:**    ☒ Same as that in bill as introduced  
                  ☐ Different from that in bill as introduced (see technical comments section)

**Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:**

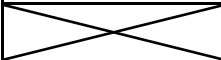
Trinexapac-Ethyl is a synthetic organic chemical used as a plant growth regulator. The chemical is primarily applied to grasses. The product is imported from Switzerland and then formulated for sale in the domestic market.

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<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Richard Qualters (202-205-2334); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/index.htm](http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm)

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: <u>2918.90.50</u></b>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$2,500,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,700,000	\$2,800,000	\$2,900,000
Customs revenue loss	\$100,000	\$104,000	\$108,000	\$112,000	\$116,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

**Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):**

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Syngenta (Proponent) Dawn DeBerry Stump, Fax: 336-632-6084	7/18/2005	No	No	No
AtoFina Cerex Charles Kitchin, Fax: 703-527-2092	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Aventis Jean Reimers, Fax: 202-628-6622	8/15/2005	No	No	No
BASF Corporation Greg Theis, Fax: 202-558-5101	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Bayer CropScience Will Hensley, Fax: 202-628-6662	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Crop Life America Lawrence Norton, Fax: 202-463-0474	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Dow Agro Science Margaret Rogers, Fax: 202-429-3467	8/15/2005	No	No	No

E.I. duPont Elaine Olsen, Fax: 302-992-2263	8/15/2005	No	No	No
FMC Corporation Jerry Prout, Fax: 202-956-5235	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Griffin Corp. James Whatley, Fax: 800-248-5154	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Syngenta (Proponent) Mike Blythe, Fax: 336-632-6084	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	8/15/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> None.

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<sup>3</sup> The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2212

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Trinexapac-Ethyl.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2005

Mr. COBLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Trinexapac-Ethyl.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. TRINEXAPAC-ETHYL.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.29.93 of the Har-  
5       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
6       Trinexapac-ethyl) is amended by striking “12/31/2003”  
7       and inserting “12/31/2008”.

8       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
9       subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

